

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

UTWARD BOUND:—Canton, Glenfulloch,
Harrow, Feb. 21; Maple Branch, Pa.
turned, 25; Maria Valerie, Kentucky.

OMEWARD BOUND :—*Scandia*, Feb. 4
Polyphehus, Romulus, 11; *Paldin*, *Nat*
azagon, Pectan, 18; *Glenfarg, Japan*, 25
Bendiamond, Karlsruhe, Olam, Natal, 28.

Mails.

the M. M. Co.'s s. s. *Yarra*, with
 the *EUROPE MAIL*, of 14th February

the P. & O. s. s. Peshawar, with the ENGLISH MAIL of Feb. 21, left Singapore on Sunday, the 16th March, at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 19th instant. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Jan. 8.

he P. M. a. s. *City of Peking* is being held in Yokohama to await the arrival of the *City of Rio de Janeiro*, and will bring forward the mails, passengers and cargo of that vessel. The mails of the *City of Peking* will reach Hongkong by the O. P. R. a. s. *Empress of China*.

The N. P. Company's s. s. *Strathmore*, from Tacoma, arrived at Yokohama on the 6th inst., and was to sail for Hongkong on the 8th, via her usual ports of call.

The N. P. s. s. *Tacoma* sailed from Tacoma for Hongkong, via usual Japan ports.

The O. & O. s.s. *Doric*, with mails &c.,¹ for
San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 5th inst.

The P. M. s. s. *City of Rio de Janeiro*,
with mails, &c., left Honolulu for this
port, via Yokohama, on March 5.

Steamers Expected.

The D. D. R. s. s. *Niobe*, from Hambou
left Singapore for this port on Sat-
day, the 14th inst. and may be ex-
pected here on or about the 21st inst.

The s. s. *Kutang*, from Calcutta a
Straits, left Singapore for this p-
at 5 o'clock on the morning of Mar-
17.

The s. s. *Energia* left Singapore on the 15
inst. and may be expected here on
Monday, the 23rd instant.

The N. G. I. s. s. *Bisagne* left Bombay
March 3, and may be expected here
on or about March 23.

Latest Advice.

The *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, and left at 11.30 p.m. the same day for Nagasaki.

INCOMING steamers report that a number of floating cattle were seen, when passing near Gap Rock. This confirms what we stated in last night's issue.

A COOLIE who was captured coming over the launch from Kowloon, with 80 taels of opium secreted under his clothes in bladders, was fined \$500 at the Magistrate's court to-day.

REBECCA Green, the keeper of a coffee-house at 61 Stanley Street, was convicted at Magistrary to-day of selling alcoholic liquors without having the necessary licence. T. Serroumbe Smith imposed a fine of £5. When the sentence was pronounced Rebecca went into a hysterical condition, and loudly called out that she had been convicted.

false evidence. Ultimately she was ejected from Court in the arms of a stalwart spectator, shrieking and proclaiming her innocence of the crime.

The competition for Mr May's Handicap Cup was closed on Saturday at the Kowloon Range, Kowloon. The Cup was given for competition amongst the members of the Police Force, the winner of the highest number of monthly competitions during the year to become possessor of the trophy. Acting-Sergeant Donald McLeannan has secured the trophy, having won seven competitions during the year. His winning dates are: April 8; July 24; September 1.

ber, 64; November, 62; December, February 62; and March, 60.

We understand from the *Chinese Mail* (Tsz Yat Po) that the office established Hui Tao'ai at Canton some time ago, for purpose of raising funds to undertake building of the Canton-Hankow railway, has no connection whatever with Mr. W. Y. Yau of Hongkong, who, it will be remem-

bered, sometimes ago formed a Syndicate Canton and Hongkong wealthy Chinese merchants, of which Hsu Taotai was one of the number, to apply for permission from the Throne to undertake the work in question. Hsu Taotai was sent to Peking as their representative to interview the Minister of War, who, after thorough deliberation over the schemes and proposition presented by the Syndicate, conferred with Hsu Taotai the permission required, also a document granting power to the Syndicate to raise the necessary funds and commence the work. On his return to Canton, Hsu Taotai at once opened a

on his own account, without consulting Wei-yuk, with a view to raise subscriptions to make up the funds required.

Wein-yuk has therefore no connection with the concern. We further learn Mr. Wein-yuk is contemplating an

Mr. Wei-sayuk is contemplating sending another representative to Peking on his own behalf to confer with the Minister of War upon the Canton-Hankow railroad and that he has assured the support of European capitalists to enable him to undertake the huge contract.

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Hongkong, February 25, 1891.

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